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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 21, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely as of August 21, 2003, and the appropriate fee. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

The **Amendments to the Specification** is reflected in the paragraphs which begin at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.